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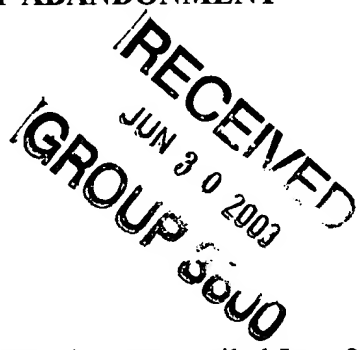
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Invention	Examiner	Art Unit
PROFESSIONAL TIME TRACKING AND REPORTING SYSTEM	Rudy, Andrew J.	3627

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: Group Director



Sir:

This is a Petition requesting that the Holding of Abandonment mailed June 2, 2003, be withdrawn, and that the Amendment filed on April 7, 2003 ("Amendment") be considered by the United States Patent & Trademark Office ("Office") as being timely submitted. As set forth below, applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181(f), this petition is filed within two months of the date of the notice of abandonment.

In response to a November 7, 2002 Office Action, the undersigned counsel submitted the Amendment on April 7, 2003 (See Certificate of Mailing on Transmittal Form). A copy of the Amendment, and accompanying documentation, is annexed hereto. The Amendment was therefore submitted five months after the date of the Action, and two months beyond the shortened statutory period for response.

However, the Amendment included an express "Petition for Extension of Time," which requested only a one-month extension (See Petition for Extension of Time, PTO/SB/22), and payment of the fee for a one-month extension was submitted.

Nevertheless, the Fee Transmittal accompanying the Amendment included a "constructive petition for an extension of time," per 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), which authorized the Commissioner to charge "any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application" to the listed deposit account (See FEE TRANSMITTAL, §METHOD OF PAYMENT). Two copies of the FEE TRANSMITTAL were submitted with the Amendment (See Postcard). Thus, the constructive petition covered the additional month.

On June 18, 2003, the undersigned counsel learned, via telephone conversation with Examiner Rudy, that a Holding of Abandonment was mailed on June 2, 2003 for failure to pay the required extension fee. It is clear that the constructive petition for an extension of time was not considered by the Office. Therefore, the holding of abandonment was made due to Office error, is not valid, and should be withdrawn.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this petition be granted, in which case the undersigned counsel respectfully requests that the Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn, and the Amendment be considered as timely submitted and entered. Pursuant to MPEP 711.03(c), it is believed that no petition fee is required. However, if such fee is in fact required, please charge the fee to our deposit account, No. 501998, and notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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